ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

Committee Elections - Between now and October 4 ASCS will mail all known eligible voters a letter and blank petition. The letter and petition will be for each voter to nominate a candidate of his or her choice to run for community committeeman for 1980. Known eligible voters are contained on a listing at the ASCS office and the list is available for public inspection.

When voters receive the petition, I encourage them to use this opportunity to nominate farm neighbors of their choice as candidates in the election.

The ASC committee provides the important service of administering government farm programs to the farm community. The election will be conducted by mail from November 23 through December 3. Eligible voters will be provided with instructions for filling out the secret ballot and returning it to the ASCS office.

Most resident farmers are eligible to hold office as ASC committeemen. If you would like detailed information concerning eligibility requirements, you should contact the ASCS office.

In filling out the nominating petition voters should be careful to include the name of only one nominee, the signatures of at least three eligible voters who support the nominee and certification that the nominee is willing to serve if elected. The petitions must contain this information. Without it they will not be accepted. The completed petition should be dated and mailed or be delivered to the ASCS office no later than October 29.

Any concerned farmer with an interest in serving fellow farmers would be an asset to the ASC committee. For this reason, voters are urged to petition for farmers of their choice. The individual farmer will benefit in the long run from a responsible, concerned team of ASC committeemen in the local administration of U.S. government farm programs.

- **Flue-cured Tobacco News** - Demand weakened for Old and Middle Belt flue-cured tobacco during the ninth week of auctions, reports the Federal-State Market News Service. Improved quality failed to overcome declining grade prices, resulting in the first decrease this year in the weekly general average. Volume was heavy and loan receipts increased a little compared to the previous week.

According to the latest estimate, about 49 percent of the crop in this belt has now been sold. Producers' sales opportunity in this belt next week (Sept. 24-27) is 30,872,000 pounds (includes four markets, or 4,346,000 pounds in Marketing Area C).

Gross Sales by states follow: (Week Ending September 20, 1979), Virginia, 9,230,592 pounds, average $150.45; North Carolina, 19,866,320 pounds, average $146.31, with a total of 29,096,912 pounds and average of $147.62 for both states. (Season through September 20, 1979), Virginia 54,403,753 pounds, Average $140.36; North Carolina, 133,433,690 pounds, average $138.38 with a total of 187,837,443 pounds, and average $138.95 for both states. The general average reflects a loss of $1.71 per hundred pounds from last week's return. For the same period last year, 191,028,638 pounds had been auctioned, averaging $129.41 per hundred.

Resales totaled 2,054,350 pounds for the week, and 13,470,437 pounds to date.

The upward trend in grade prices was reversed this week as losses of mainly $1 to $5 per hundred pounds were recorded for a great majority of the grades. The more significant decreases were centered on ripe and unripe variegated leaf grades.

The volume of leaf continued to build this week, accounting for 84 percent of sales. Cutters declined to 6 percent, lugs, 7 percent and others, 3 percent. The bulk of sales consisted of fair and low quality leaf of orange and unripe variegated color.

The Stabilization Corporation received 1.7 percent of gross sales for the week, setting holdings for the season at 2.8 percent. Last year, loan receipts stood at 4.3 percent for the same period of time.

While on the subject of flue tobacco, the next redesignation period runs from October 1 through October 5. If you redesignate during this period, the effective date for price support for the redesignated tobacco is October 15.

Strout Realty's Appomattox Branch Achieves Award

Chuck Foster, of the **Appomattox, Virginia** Branch Office of **Strout Realty** has been notified by the Company's Executive Offices in Springfield, Missouri that qualifications for the Strout Master Salesman Award have been achieved.

In recognition of this accomplishment an engraved wall plaque will be presented to the Branch Office commending the sales staff for outstanding Sales Achievement and noteworthy service to the public. Additional acknowledgment will appear in the Company's magazine, **Strout World.**

The **Appomattox** branch Office is located ½ mile outside of town. The Sales Staff includes Betty P. Bowman.

David O'Brien Celebrates Birthday

David O'Brien celebrated his 10th birthday with a party at A. J. Skateworld recently. Attending were David Wingfield, Gerald Ryan, Steve Maddox, Kelly Harris, Sharon Irvin, Mrs. Layne's (David's 5th Grade Teacher), Linda O'Brien (his mother), "David", Kelly O'Brien (his father), Don Goin, Andre McCoy, Sissy Knight, Terri Hancock, Paul Irvin, and Karen Scruggs. Michael Hamlett was present but not in picture.

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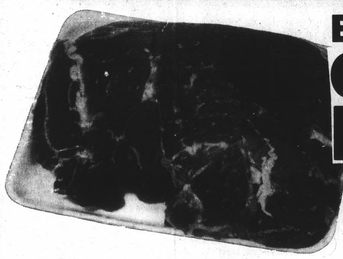

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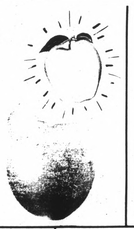

Red Ripe Tomatoes 39¢ LB.

FRESH Carrots 2 1 LB. BAGS 49¢

Garden Fresh BROCCOLI 69¢ Bunch

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LANDFAIR sign of Route 47, two miles south of Pamplin, "Home of the Giant Landrace, Yorkshire Breeding Stock."

CHARLIE AND ROBERT GUNN behind a breed Yorkshire Gilt which was sold at their first production sale.

BUYERS' VIEW of show ring and showroom.

Landfair Holds First Production Show

Landfair's first production show and sale drew approximately 250 buyers, friends and spectators from Virginia and North Carolina on Friday, September 14. Seventy-five heads were exhibited including Yorkshire and Landrace boars, bred gilfts and open gilts. The top Landrace bred gilt sold for $600. Those arriving early were invited to a porkburger dinner served cafeteria style in the sales barn.

Landfair Farm is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gunn and their son, Alex The farm, located two miles north of Madisonville in Charlotte County, has modern total confinement swine facilities including: a 20 crate farrowing house, finishing floor for 600 head, and nursery with cages for 600 head and individual gestation stalls, according to L.T. Richardson, Charlotte Extension Agent. The herd is certified brucellosis free and state health certified.

Gunn purchased a grand champion boar at the Landrace Summer Type Conference recently, in order to add an additional blood line to the herd, which includes 140 sows and gilts, and 12 boars.

Robert, Charlie and Alex are members of the purebred swine association and are active in swin industry programs. They plan to have production shows and sales twice per year.

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